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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR REINHARDT REVIEWS IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUES
WITH BOISSIER-PALUN (BENIN)

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1. AMB. REINHARDT AND BOISSIER-PALUM (BENIN) MET ON AFTER-NOON, OCTOBER 26, TO DISCUSS MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES FACING 19TH GC. IN ENSUING CONVERSATION, BOISSIER-PALUN EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS.
2. ISRAEL WILL BE ADMITTED TO EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP FOLLOWING WHAT MAY BECOME A "DISTASTEFUL" FLOOR DEBATE.
3. CONCERNING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, BOISSIER-PALUN SAID THAT THE DG WILL REPORT TO GC THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CARRY OUT 18TH GC INSTRUCTIONS TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS. THE DG WILL POINT OUT HOWEVER THAT FOLLOWING LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS, ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE A UNESCO TEAM,
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AND THAT WHILE INSUFFICIENT TIME REMAINED TO CARRY OUT

THIS MISSION PRIOR TO OPENING OF GC, IT WILL BE PERFORMED LATER.

4. BOISSIER-PALUN ALSO DISCUSSED WHAT HAS EMERGED RECENTLY AS ANOTHER POINT OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE GOI AND THE DG. HE SAID THAT GOI LETTER ACCEPTING UNESCO TEAM'S VISIT TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES REFERRED ONLY TO UNESCO'S REPRESENTATIVE (SINGULAR), AS OPPOSED TO REPRESENTATIVES (PLURAL) AS AGREED ON BY GOI AND DG EARLY IN OCTOBER. BOISSIER-PALUN ADDED THAT POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THIS "TRANSMISSION ERROR", AS IT WAS REFERRED TO BY GOI REPS IN NAIROBI, COULD PROBABLY BE "SMOOTHED OVER" IF GOI WOULD ADDRESS LETTER TO DG RECOGNIZING AND CORRECTING THIS ERROR, WHICH THE DG COULD BRING TO ATTENTION OF GC. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GOI COULD CORRECT ERROR BY PROPOSING FROM FLOOR TO AMEND TEXT OF DG'S REPORT.

5. CONCERNING THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS, BOISSIER-PALUN REVIEWED HIS PERSONAL EFFORTS TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE EXCAVATIONS WERE CONTINUING BE BELIEVED THAT DG'S REPORT WOULD BE VERY MODERATE.

6. ON THE MASS MEDIA, BOISSIER-PALUN SAID THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP (FOR WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT) WILL SUPPORT THE NORDIC PROPOSAL (REFTEL) AS A MEANS TO NEUTRALIZE THE DIFFICULT POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH ARE EMBODIED IN THE DECEMBER DRAFT DECLARATION. AFRICANS WOULD EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THE SCANDINAVIANS AND/OR OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS WOULD THEMSELVES SPONSOR PROPOSAL SINCE AFRICANS PREFERRED NOT TO BE LINKED TO \$500,000 BUDGETARY INCREASE WHICH NORDIC PROPOSAL ENTAILS. HE CAUTIONED THAT ALL MOVES TO AVOID FACING DECEMBER DRAFT DECLARATION WILL BE STAUNCHLY OPPOSED BY RADICAL ARABS WHO ARE SUPPORTED AND EVEN "URGED ON" BY THE SOVIETS. YOGOSLAVIA AND PERHAPS ROMANIA, HE CONCLUDED, PREFER A MODERATE SOLUTION SUCH AS PROVIDED BY THE NORDIC PROPOSAL.

7. BOISSIER-PALUN ALSO INDICATED THAT THE RADICAL ARABS WILL OPPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATION GROUP SINCE THIS WOULD DEPRIVE THEM OF MOST EFFICIENT AND FULL CONFIDENTIAL

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USE OF GENERAL DEBATE FROM WHICH TO LAUNCH THEIR PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE ARABS RADICALS OBJECT TO HIM PERSONALLY FOR HE IS GENERALLY VIEWED BY THEM AS UNMALEABLE, AND THEREFORE AN ADVERSARY.

8. COMMENT: THIS DISCUSSION WITH THE PRINCIPAL LEADER OF BLACK AFRICAN STATES POINTS UP HIS CONFIDENCE THAT AFRICANS WILL GIVE SOME SUPPORT, AND EVEN INITIATIVE, IN DIFFUSING

SOME OF THE DIFFICULT POLITICAL ISSUES FACING THE 19TH
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